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From Your (Brrrr) Editor:

It is freezing in Charleston! Where did this weather come from? I have worn my winter coat constantly for the past six weeks! I am ready for the Charleston heat. Or at least some snow if we have to put up with this weather!

Of course, the weather was an excuse to stay inside and work on this great issue of *ATG—Sustainability in Collection Development*—guest edited by the awesome **Karen Christensen**. We have articles by **Merilyn Burke**, **Roxanne Myers Spencer**, **Michael Smith**, **Maria Jankowska**, **Whitney Bauman**, and **Tony Horava**. Our Op Ed is by **Liz Lorbeer** and **Heather Klusendorf**. We have some great special reports by **Patrick Carr** (the mission of libraries in the 21st century) and **Sara Killingworth**

and **Martin Marlow** (textbooks). Our interviews are with **Moshe Pritsker** and **Jud Dunham**. Our usual columnists have written about among other things, **econtent** (Biz of Acq), **collaboration** (University Presses), **writing** (Booklover), **data management** (Standards), **Netflicks** (Technology), **book approval plans** and **eBooks** (Library Collections in the 21st century), **open access** (Red Herring), **copyright in the digital age** (As I See It), and many others! And **Richard Abel** returns to continue the *Tale of the Richard Abel Company*.

Oops! They are telling us the weather is supposed to go down to the teens tonight and there may even be **snow** in the upstate! I have to open up my husband's grandmother's cedar chest and get out more warm clothes! **Brrrrr....**

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and here's hoping that 2011 is the best year ever! Much love to all y'all, Yr. Ed. 🌲

Letters to the Editor

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Here at *ATG* Headquarters we often receive birth announcements and pictures from our loyal authors and readers. In this issue we'd like to share a few with you. They're all so cute, don't you agree? — Yr. Ed. 🌲

This curious child peeking over a shoulder is **Dennis Brunning's** grandchild, **Elianna**. Wonder if she got an iPad from grandpa for Christmas?



Shown above is **Cris Ferguson's** second child **Bram** who actually attended the Charleston Conference this year, did y'all see him?



Shown here with Santa is **Izzy**, daughter of **Heather Klusendorf**, who is almost five months old now. Boy time sure flies, doesn't it?



Shown below all decked out in his Christmas attire and awaiting his first visit from Santa is **Cameron Kristopher Little**, son of **Courtney Little**.



The peacefully sleeping child to the left is **Henry Boyce Crader**, the newest family member to our book review editor **Deb Vaughn**. Who knows she might be reading to him right now.

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| 2011 Events | Issue | Ad Reservation | Camera-Ready |
|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------|--------------|
| Annual Report, ACRL | February 2011 | 01/03/11 | 01/31/11 |
| MLA, SLA, Book Expo | April 2011 | 02/28/11 | 03/21/11 |
| ALA Annual | June 2011 | 04/04/11 | 04/25/11 |
| Reference Publishing | September 2011 | 06/27/11 | 07/18/11 |
| Charleston Conference | November 2011 | 08/15/11 | 09/05/11 |
| ALA Midwinter | Dec. 2011/Jan. 2012 | 10/31/11 | 11/21/11 |

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Did you see the svelte **Heather Klusendorf** in Charleston? WOW! Did she look good or what? Right after the birth of her baby girl (see **Izzy's** photo p.6)! And clearly she even has time to write as well. See this month's Op Ed which she wrote with the equally on-top-of-it **Liz Lorbeer**. "**Open and Accessible Supplemental Data: How Libraries Can Solve the Supplemental Arms Race.**" See this issue, p.42.

Didn't see the fantabulous **Dennis Brunning** at the **Charleston Conference**? Know why? **Dennis** booked the wrong week for his plane ticket! Oops! But I figure he had a good excuse. His daughter just had his first grandbaby — **Elianna**. See her picture amid all the other baby pictures, this issue, p.6.

Our intrepid book review editor, **Deb Vaughn** (see her book review column, this issue, p.53) just had her own baby. He is named **Henry Crader** and he is cute as a button (but not as cute as his sister **Helen**). He is among the pictures on p.6 too. This is the brilliant idea of my right-hand *ATG* editor, **Toni Nix**! Thank you, **Toni**!

Interrupting the babies and following the book review theme, one of the reviews in this issue is of the voice-man **Jack Montgomery's** *American Shamans* (BUSCA, 2008). It's about magical healings, ghostly encounters, and alternate realities. One of our religion professors at the **College of Charleston** saw the book and said it was excellent for the collection! **Jack** is so talented and versatile! Did you see him perform **ANYTHING GOES** (with new library/publisher/vendor lyrics by the talented **Greg Tananbaum**)? What a great beginning to the **30th Charleston Conference**! (Lyrics are included in this issue, p.79.)

Moshe Pritsker — Did you meet this fantastic man in **Charleston**? We have an interview with **Moshe** about **JoVE (Journal of Visualized Experiments)**. **JoVE** is a video journal for biological research. The experiments are actually performed online so that you can see the procedures as they are executed rather than having only written instructions/descriptions. Read his interview, this issue, p.49.

The terrific **Steve McKinzie** (who wasn't at the Conference, naughty, naughty) told me that he was wearing an **Unintended Consequences** t-shirt when he was stopped by someone who said to him, "you are a librarian, aren't you?" Guess who that was? **John Abbott** from **Appalachian State University**. Here's to the **Charleston Conference** t-shirts and bags and all the other goodies! Hip-hip-hooray!

My husband and I do NOT have cable but we recently got a subscription to **Netflix** and love it. So I was very interested in **Cris Ferguson's** column this time, this issue, p.83. **Netflix** apparently does not allow institutional subscriptions. I am always amazed at how **Cris** knows what the "hot" topic is for her columns. She does all this despite having a brand new baby (**Bram**). How cute he was at the **30th Charleston Conference**. Y'all listen up! We need to start training librarians at a young age!

While I was writing **Rumors**, guess whom I heard from? **CELIA WAGNER**!! Remember her? **Celia** has written a book that she says she thinks I would find funny and she wants to send me a copy!

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